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FOR DIRECTOR OF GROWTH DIVISION (A5 LEVEL)

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1. MISSION HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT PRESENT CHIEF OF
GROWTH STUDIES DIVISION, MICHAEL KEATING (AUSTRALIA)
WILL DEFINITELY BE LEAVING SECRETARIAT AT END OF SUMMER
TO ACCEPT POSITION IN PRIME MINISTER FRASER'S OFFICE.
GROWTH STUDIES DIVISION HAS HAD EXCEPTIONALLY HEAVY
WORKLOAD IN PREPARING REVISED MEDIUM-TERM SCENARIOS TO
1985 (EPC/WP2) AND HAS EXPERIENCED SERIOUS PERSONNEL
PROBLEMS RECENTLY DUE TO UNCERTAINTY OVER EXTENSION OF
THREE PROFESSIONAL AND THREE SUPPORT POSITIONS IN THIS
DIVISION (SEE PARIS 15006). IN ADDITION, AS REPORTED
PARIS 15722, DIRECTOR OF GENERAL ECONOMIC BRANCH (DOBELL)
WILL ALSO BE LEAVING SECRETARIAT DURING SUMMER. GIVEN
PRIORITY USG ATTACHES TO STRONG ANALYTICAL CAPABILITY
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AND POLICY EXPERIENCE IN GROWTH STUDIES AREA, WE URGE
INTERESTED WASHINGTON AGENCIES TO ACTIVELY ENGAGE IN
SEARCH FOR QUALIFIED U.S. CANDIDATE FOR GROWTH STUDIES
POSITION.

2. TEXT OF VACANCY NOTICE FOLLOWS:

WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN PARIS WITH OCCASIONAL TRAVEL. IN THE CASE OF AN INTERNAL CANDIDATE, AN APPOINTMENT OF INDEFINITE DURATION WILL BE OFFERED. IN THE CASE OF AN EXTERNAL CANDIDATE A FIXED-TERM APPOINTMENT OF TWO OR THREE YEARS IS ENVISAGED.

DUTIES

UNDER THE DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR:

-- PLANS, ORGANISES AND DIRECTS WORK ON BEHALF OF THE ECONOMIC POLICY COMMITTEE AND WORKING PARTY NO. 2 AND SERVICES THE MEETINGS OF THE LATTER BODY. IN PARTICULAR, SUPERVISES:

(A) THE PREPARATION OF MACRO-ECONOMIC STUDIES OF THE GROWTH POTENTIAL OF MEMBER COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE ANALYSIS OF THE VARIOUS ECONOMIC FACTORS AFFECTING GROWTH RATES SUCH AS RATES OF INVESTMENT, TECHNICAL PROGRESS, THE INCREASE IN THE LABOUR FORCE AND ITS SKILLS IN THE DIFFERENT MEMBER COUNTRIES, ETC;

(B) ANALYSIS OF THE POSSIBLE CONSTRAINTS ON THE REALISATION OF GROWTH POTENTIAL INCLUDING INFLATION, EXTERNAL IMBALANCE, INADEQUATE INVESTMENT AND PROBLEMS OF FINANCIAL INTERMEDIATION, AND OF THE POLICY IMPLICATIONS OF

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THESE PROBLEMS;

(C) THE PREPARATION OF STUDIES COVERING THE MEDIUM-TERM OBJECTIVES, POLICIES AND POTENTIAL PROBLEMS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES WITH A VIEW TO ASSESSING WHETHER THEIR AIMS ARE MUTUALLY COMPATIBLE AND ALSO COMPATIBLE WITH THE INTERESTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; IDENTIFYING ALSO THE QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE ASPECTS OF ECONOMIC GROWTH IN RESPECT OF WHICH INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES MAY BENEFIT FROM THE EXPERIENCE OF OTHERS, AND COLLATING THE FINDINGS ON INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE AND RELEVANT WORK CARRIED OUT IN OTHER BODIES OF THE ORGANISATION;

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(D) THE INCORPORATION INTO A MACRO-ECONOMIC FRAMEWORK
OF STUDIES OF SECTORAL PROBLEMS; AND ANALYSIS OF THE
ROLE OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR IN GROWTH.

-- FOLLOWS THE WORK BEING UNDERTAKEN INSIDE AND OUTSIDE
THE ORGANISATION IN THE FIELDS DESCRIBED ABOVE, AND
REPRESENTS THE ORGANISATION AT OUTSIDE MEETINGS ON THESE
SUBJECTS.

PRINCIPAL QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

(1) HONOURS DEGREE (AND PREFERABLY HIGHER DEGREE) IN
ECONOMICS, AND EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN QUANTITATIVE
ECONOMIC ANALYSIS.

(2) EXPERIENCE IN THE ANALYSIS OF, AND THE POLICY ISSUES
ARISING FROM, MEDIUM-TERM PROBLEMS. SPECIALISED KNOWL-
EDGE IN ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FIELDS WOULD BE
DESIRABLE: ECONOMIC GROWTH, PUBLIC FINANCE, WELFARE
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(3) ABILITY TO DIRECT A TEAM OF ECONOMISTS AND TO DEAL
WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS.

(4) EXCELLENT DRAFTING ABILITY IN ONE OF THE OFFICIAL
LANGUAGES; VERY GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF THE OTHER OFFICIAL
LANGUAGE.

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